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Co-Chairs Taylor, and Salinas, Vice-Chairs, Knopp, and Boshart-Davis, and members of the redistricting committees,

For the record my name is Katrina Holland. My pronouns are she and her and I live in Multnomah County, and have lived in Congressional District 3 for the last 24 years.

I've lived in farther out East Portland for the last five years living in two different districts SD 24, HD 47, CD3 and in SD3, HD 45, and CD3 for the last three years, becoming a first time homeowner in 2020. What I've appreciated most about this community is the fact that East Portland tends to rally together to demand what we need. This area is pretty politically active with folks who regularly come by to talk about candidates or ballot measures, lots of civic engagement grassroots organizations that work tirelessly to engage active and non-active people alike. It is home to some of the most diverse schools in our State and some of the most forward thinking individuals who desire to better serve our students and communities. Where I live now in Parkrose, I am aware of multiple efforts to diversify our school boards, address student issues with a more equitable lens, diversify our school staff and teachers among many other things. When I go to the store, it's guaranteed that I will see Black and Brown faces, Black and Brown culturally specific stores among many others. Many of us gather in parks and with our neighbors to let kiddos play and talk about issues important to us.

I look forward to continue working with this committee, the Oregon legislature and our communities to ensure that redistricting engages the many diverse groups in the community that live here and that it responds to our growing needs. Thank you very much for your time and work on this issue.